

Die Veneris 20. Febr. 1645.

*Resolved by the Lords and Commons in
Parliament assembled.*

THat there be forthwith a Choice made of Elders thorowout the Kingdome of *England* and Dominion of *Wales* in the respective Parish Churches and Chappels, according to such Directions as have already passed both Houses, bearing date the 19. of August 1645. and since that time: And all Classes and Parochiall Congregations respectively are hereby authorized and required forthwith effectually to proceed therein accordingly.

Resolved, &c.

THat notice of the Election of Parochiall and Congregationall Elders,
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and of the time when it shall be, be given by the Minster in the publike Assembly the next Lords Day but one before: And that on that said Lords Day a Sermon be preached preparatory to that weighty businessse.

Resolved, &c.

THat such Election shall be made by the Congregation, or the major part of them then assembled, being such as have taken the Nationall Covenant, and are not Persons under age, nor Servants that have no Families.

Resolved, &c.

THat these three Votes be forthwith communicated to the Lord Mayor, and immediatly put in due execution.

Ioh. Brown Cler. Parliamentorum.



Die Jovis 26. Febr. 1645.

*Resolved by the Lords and Commons in
Parliament assembled.*

THat the Tryers of Elections of Elders shall have power to heare and determine all Exceptions brought unto them concerning undue Elections, as well as to receive them; And also to call before them all persons Elected to be Elders, (and accepting such Election) against whom any Exceptions shall be brought in; And to send for such Witnesses as shall be nominated to them, by such persons as shall bring in the said Exceptions; And shall have power to examine upon Oath, both the persons bringing in such Exceptions, and the said Witnesses, concerning any undue proceedings in the manner of the said Election.

lection, and concerning all matters of Ignorance and Scandall, objected against the person elected, and expressed in any Ordinance of Parliament, to bee a sufficient cause of Suspension from the Sacrament of the Lords Supper, and of which any Eldership by Ordinance of Parliament, hath cognizance and jurisdiction; And that shall be proved to have been committed within one whole year before the Exceptions exhibited; And that the person against whom the Exceptions are taken, shall have the like liberty to produce Witnesses to be examined in like manner on his behalf.

Resolved, &c.

THat the Triers shall have power to examine whether the Elders that are to be chosen, be so qualified as is expressed in the Ordinance which hath passed both Houses.

Job. Brown Cler. Parliamentorum.

